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For: SHEET FOLDING APPARATUS, SHEET)	Mail Stop AF
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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR INITIALIZED PTO FORM 1449

As discussed with the Examiner on March 28, 2008, the Communication mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 25, 2008, crossed out JP 62-59002 on the returned copy of the PTO Form 1449 from the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 29, 2008, because no translation was provided. However, MPEP 602.04(a)(III) instructs that a concise statement of relevance is sufficient. Moreover, MPEP 602.04(a)(III) instructs "where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement can be satisfied by submitting an English language version of the search report or other action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office." A translation of the Japanese Office Action citing JP 62-59002 was submitted and is present in the image file wrapper (IFW).

Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the requirements were satisfied and that JP 62-59002 should be considered. As such, an initialized PTO Form 1449 is respectfully requested.

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